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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS PROVIDED BY POLOFF HUE:

1. ICCS REGION I SENT A TEAM TO RECONNOITER LAO BAO ON JUNE 20-21. THAT TEAM HAS RETURNED TO REGION HQ. THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS WHO STOPPED IN GIO LINH ON THE WAY BACK ARRIVED IN HUE SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE CANADIANS AND INDONESIANS. THE HUNGARIAN INTERPRETER TOLD THE POLOFF THAT THE HUNGARIANS AND POLES SIMPLY ACCEPTED A STANDING INVITATION " CASUALLY" MADE BY THE PRG TO THE ICCS TO VISIT GIO LINH ANYTIME.

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2. THE CANDEL EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT A TEAM WOULD DEPLOY TO LAO BAO BEFORE THE CANADIANS WITHDRAW JULY 31. THE INDODEL OBSERVED THAT THE SAME OBSTACLES TO A GIO LINH DEPLOYMENT, E. G. ACCESS FOR RE-SUPPLY, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS ALSO EXIST FOR LAO BAO WITH THE ADDED COMPLICATION THAT LAO BAO WILL BE INACCESSIBLE BY ROAD DURING THE RAINY SEASON UNLESS THE BRIDGES ALONG ROUTE 9 ARE REBUILT.

3. NONETHELESS, THE INDODEL OIC FEELS THAT PRG WANTS THE ICCS TO DEPLOY TO BOTH PORT OF ENTRY (POE) SITES AND WILL AGREE TO THE CANADIAN AND INDONESIAN DEMAND BEFORE THE RAINY SEASON AND PERHAPS AS EARLY AS JUNE 25 WHEN THE GIO LINH TEAM MEETS AGAIN WITH THE PRG. THE INDODEL REMARKED TO THE POLOFF WITH REGARD TO THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN REITERATION THAT THEY ARE READY TO DEPLOY AT ANY TIME THAT THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE WELCOME TO GO BUT THE INDONESIANS ARE STAYING PUT UNTIL THE PRG SOLVES ALL EXISTING PROBLEMS. THE INDONESIANS ARE IN NO HURRY TO DEPLOY TO SUCH AN ISOLATED LOCATION WHERE, THEY FEEL, THE PRESENCE OF THE ICCS WILL BE USELESS IN TERMS OF MONITORING SUPPLIES AND ARMS TRAFFIC.

4. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS REPORTS FROM ICCS TEAMS, THE INDONESIANS SAW NO EVIDENCE OF CIVILIAN POPULATION ALONG ROUTE 9 AND THEY BELIEVE THAT CIVILIANS SEEN ON EARLIER TRIPS WERE MEMBERS OF WORK CREWS WHICH HAVE SINCE MOVED ON TO OTHER PROJECTS. THE INDONESIANS DID NOTE 70 KMS OF TELEPHONE LINES ALONG ROUTE 9 FROM DONG HA TO LAO BAO. THOMSEN UNQUOTE
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